

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 and 14-18 have been withdrawn from consideration in this application. Please amend claim 50 as follows:

48. (Previously Presented) A stretchable composite material comprising: a first layer, the first layer being a breathable material; a second layer, the second layer being a breathable material; at least two elastic members, the elastic members position in between the first and second layers; regions of securement securing the elastic members, the first layer and the second layer; the regions of securement further comprising attached zones; the attached zones extending traverse and across a majority of the elastic members; wherein the stretchable composite material has a maximum elongation of at least about 85% of the elongation of the elastic members.

49. (Previously Presented) The composite material of claim 48 further comprising a stiffened edge.

50. (Currently Amended) An article comprising the composite material of claims 48 or 49.